

10 September 1953

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Chief, Estimates Staff

SUBJECT : SE-47/1

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1. I have talked to Mr. Wisner about the Special Estimate on Russian reactions to the [REDACTED]. He informed me that the request for the Estimate stemmed, in large part, from a briefing given at the Director's morning meeting. At this meeting, a report from OCI [REDACTED] stated that there was some indication of a change in Soviet policy toward Berlin. Specifically, a change which might result in some fairly drastic Soviet actions in this area. Although the Berlin situation appeared uppermost in Mr. Wisner's mind, he indicated that he was also interested in whatever other changes the Kremlin might be contemplating with respect to East or West Germany. He said that his interest in the paper was not the primary one, however, and that General Cabell, as well as Mr. Amory, also expressed considerable interest in having this Estimate prepared.

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2. I have gone over NIS-95 and I am sure that Paragraphs 29, 30 and 31 will be useful in this connection but will not completely satisfy the requirement. I suggest that we therefore prepare another Estimate, perhaps in the form of SE-47/1 on Probable Soviet Courses of Action in Germany.

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3. I suggest that the Estimate be narrowly confined to such factors as [REDACTED] the developments in East Germany that have occurred since SE-47 was prepared, and the Allied communications with the Russians on the question of Germany.

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4. I would think that the paper might be no more than three or four pages in length, that principal reliance for contributions could be placed on our [REDACTED] Office (although State Department might have something to add). I would also suggest that the target date for publication be set for around the 15th of October which would probably provide sufficient time to get the Soviet answer to the Allied request for conference on Germany.

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